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INFO.

- L. Colonel Jorge Barrios Solares, who has been living in exile in Nicaragua since he led the unsuccessful revolt against the Guatemalan government following the assassination of Colonel Francisco Arana in July 1949, wrote to a friend in Guatemala on 27 April 1950. In the letter, Colonel Barrios spoke of the arrival in Micaragua a few days before of Francisco Morazan, Honduran exile and friend of Colonel Arbenzo According to Colonel Barrios, Morazan was driving the very station wagon used by Colonel Arana at the time of his assassination.
- 2. At the time Colonel Barrios was unable to understand the reason for Forezen's visit to Micaragua, but thought it rather strange that he should be permitted to enter the country. Subsequently, Colonel Barrios said he heard that General Somoza was sending a personal representative to Guatemals to talk with Colonel Arbenz with the idea of coming to some kind of understanding with him. Colonel Barrios suggested that the visit of Morazan might have been made at the behest of Arbenz to pave the way for subsequent discussions.

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a representative of General Somoza came to Guatemala late in April and was still in Guatemala City during the first week in May. The name of the representative was said to be Jorge Sanchez, but nothing more concerning him could be learned from the informant.

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